respect of articles not reserved for the small scale sector, but does not dilute any existing policy parameters relating to the Drug Industry. Therefore, it is unlikely that any sector would be affected adversely by the scheme of delicensing as extended to drugs and pharmaceuticals.

Drilling by ONGC in Jawala Mukhi and Saruinsar

*95. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ONGC has finally decided to start drilling operations in Jawala Mukhi in Himachal and Saruinsar in Jammu.

(b) by when the drilling work is likely to be started at Saruinsar which has proven oil and gas potential; and

(c) how much staff is being posted for the work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA):

(a) ONGC has already drilled 4 wells in Jawalamukhi and one in Saruinsar. Some more locations have also been identified for drilling at these places.

(b) Drilling work in the Jammu & Kashmir is likely to start in the last quarter of 1985-86.

(c) At present, 161 persons are working in this project.

Drugs Euqalisation Fund

*96. DR. JOSEPH LEON D'SOUZA:

SHRI MIRZA IRSHADBAIG:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the purpose of Drugs Equalisation Fund Account;

(b) what is the total amount collected under this account from formulsors under para 7(2) of Drugs Price Conrol Order, 1979 since the inception of Price Control Order, 1979; year-wise;

(c) names of the companies, the items involved; and the amount collected from each company from 1979 to March, 1985;

(d) what are the details of the pending claims under this account alongwith names of the companies, amount involved and by when the same is likely to be collected;

(e) whether it is a fact that formulators have made crores of rupees as unintended profit and still the claims have not been filed against them; and

(f) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what steps are being taken in this respect?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) The purpose of Drugs Prices Equalisation Account is set out in paras 4 and 7 of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979.

(b) and (c) No amount has been collected under paragraph 7(2) from the manufacturers of formulations from the inception of Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979.

(d) to (f) In exercise of the powers available under para 7(2)(a) of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979; my Ministry issued notices to a number of drug companies so as to recover the difference between the price of the bulk drugs allowed in the formulations and the actual cost of import/purchase. Based on the notices issued and the details received, amount due into the said account from some manufacturers have been calculated. The representations re-